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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment (herein after referred to as "Response and Amendment") is responsive to the Office Communication mailed July 1, 2002 (Paper No. 8) (herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response and Preliminary Amendment.

This Response and Preliminary Amendment is timely filed. Should this Response and Amendment not be considered timely filed, Applicants hereby request a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application. If an Extension is deemed necessary, please consider this Paper to comprise a Petition for such an Extension and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0258 for the associated fees.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 26-59. Please amend the claims to read as follows (detail of claim amendments included herewith):